

# **BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF**

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## Director's Message

Greetings! With Super Bowl fans traveling to SoCal, and LGB's ongoing efforts to complete the Phase II Ticketing Building and the Consolidated Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) building, February promises to be an exciting month here at the airport. We have also brought back our amazing LGB therapy dog program for travelers, bringing some puppy love to LGB for Valentine's Day. Despite the ongoing challenges created by COVID-19, I have great news and photos to share with you in this Business Partner Brief.

-Cynthia Guidry

## LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Swinerton

This month we'd like to introduce Jose Acosta, a Project Executive at Swinerton, the construction firm overseeing Phase II improvements at LGB. Jose has been in the construction industry for 17 years, focusing on the aviation sector. He is a graduate of the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.



Jose Acosta (far left) with the Swinerton team



Q: Can you tell us about your role in the Phase II program at Long Beach Airport?

A: My role as the project executive is to oversee all aspects of the project and ensure that Long Beach Airport's needs are met. I ensure that we have the proper support and resources to complete the project through design, preconstruction and construction. I work closely with the project manager and superintendents who lead our field team as well as our self-perform teams.

Q: What part of the project are you most excited about?

A: The most exciting part of this project will be opening day because we get a chance to see how the passengers and airport employees use and enjoy the space. This is a phased delivery, so the upcoming ticketing and Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) opening in 2022 is very exciting.

Q: You've worked on a number of large construction projects. What do you enjoy most about working at LGB?

A: What I enjoy the most about working at Long Beach Airport is its people. The airport staff and construction manager have played a huge role in the success of the project and developing a one team atmosphere and approach.

Q: Anything else you'd like to share with LGB business partners?

A: Swinerton enjoys being part of this amazing program and we look forward to completing the remaining components, which will improve operations, passenger experience and maintain Long Beach Airport as a place "where the going is easy."

#### Therapy Dogs Return to LGB

LGB's therapy dogs returned to comfort travelers making their way through the airport this past month. The STARS (Simple Therapy And Real Smiles) program is back with Go Team Therapy Dogs, after an extended "paws" due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Look for LGB's 12 trained dogs, of all sizes, ages and breeds, who will be wearing new uniforms vests as they greet passengers! You may recognize Rider, and his handlers Bob and Karen, pictured below, as well as Cooper the smiling Sheepadoodle.







#### LGB's Super Bowl Game Plan

SoCal will be home to Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, CA on Sunday, February 13! To accommodate the football fans coming through LGB, Paradies will be hosting a pop-up retail store for Super Bowl merchandise in the garden area, and live musical entertainment will be provided in the concourse. In the meantime, our LGB Operations, Security and Maintenance teams, and many of you, are working in collaboration with the FAA and NFL to ensure our airport has the right game plan in place to accommodate additional planes parked on the airfield. We are thankful to all of our business partners for your team effort in welcoming NFL travelers for the big game!

## Taxiway L Update

Our Taxiway L project to improve the safety of the airfield is expected to continue through October. Construction work will be conducted in five phases. Excavation to subgrade and asphalt removal were completed in the Phase I area between Taxiway L1 and the Lakewood Tunnel in January. And subgrade preparation to allow construction of new concrete pavement and electrical underground work is underway. Work in the Phase II area is expected to begin later this month.



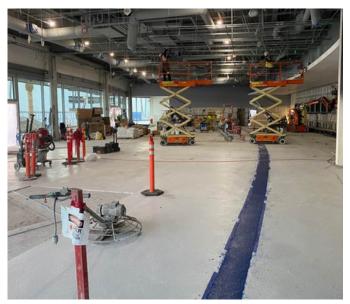




# Phase II Construction Update

We continue to make tremendous progress with our Phase II Terminal Area Improvements Program. Live-bag and system testing and training are ongoing in the new Consolidated Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) building. Geopiers were installed in the future Baggage Claim area, following below ground utilities installation. In the new Ticketing Lobby, terrazzo floor, overhead lighting, rear wall panel and restroom tile work are underway. The section in front of the Ticketing building has been graded and compacted. And irrigation for three new palm trees has been installed.









## COVID-19 Testing at the Globemaster Lot

To meet increased demand for COVID-19 testing, the Long Beach Health Department opened a new, larger drive-thru and walk-up COVID-19 testing clinic in the large parking lot near 3950 E. Wardlow Road that was formerly leased to Boeing. We thank all of our nearby tenants for their patience as we've been working with the City of Long Beach to strengthen traffic management in the area.



(Photo by Howard Freshman)

#### Seen at the LGB Scene

It's wintertime in Long Beach, with dazzling Golden State views of both sand and snow! Thank you, aviation spotter Peter Murray, for sharing this incredible photo taken from Signal Hill.





Our ERC collection drive for the Long Beach Animal Shelter garnered five carloads of muchneeded towels, blankets and beds for the animals.



Veterans and First Responders spent a day at LGB in January training their service animals. Seventeen dogs navigated TSA and toured the airport with their handlers.



# 100% Stormwater Compliance — Again

Stormwater runoff at LGB has yet again tested at 100% compliance in all sampling locations! The tests were conducted following a qualifying storm event (QSE) on December 14, 2021, at the airport, providing enough rain to sample runoff and ship it to a lab in Fresno for testing. Lab test results for oil and grease, total suspended solids, chemical oxygen demand and ammonia indicated that the pollutants were non-detectable and in full compliance at all sampling locations!





## **Sharing Sustainable Practices**

When travelers fly LGB, they are choosing an airport dedicated to both passenger experience and sustainability. We want to hear from our valued airport business partners and share your stories about how you're operating in an environmentally responsible manner! Please contact us at <a href="mailto:lgbairport@longbeach.gov">lgbairport@longbeach.gov</a>.



# December Commercial Flight Activity Boosted by Holiday Travelers

Long Beach Airport served 261,123 passengers in December 2021. Airline passenger traffic at LGB increased 457.8% in December 2021 compared with the same time in 2020 and decreased 18.8% when compared with the same pre-pandemic period in 2019. Total air cargo carried by aircraft, both inbound and outbound, increased 14.2% in December 2021 compared to the same time the previous year; 2,071 tons passed through LGB in December 2021.

	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	% Change	Dec 2019	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change	YTD 2019	% Change
Passenger Traffic										
Enplanements	130,787	23,603	454.1%	159,174	-17.8%	1,053,744	520,297	102.5%	1,791,451	-41.2%
Deplanements	130,336	23,213	461.5%	162,512	-19.8%	1,050,952	523,476	100.8%	1,792,752	-41.4%
Total Passenger Traffic	261,123	46,816	457.8%	321,686	-18.8%	2,104,696	1,043,773	101.6%	3,584,203	-41.3%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	2,071	1,813	14.2%	2,317	-10.6%	14,878	15,712	-5.3%	21,120	-29.6%

#### Airport Administrative Offices Holiday Closures

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents Day. Airport operations, security and building services will continue uninterrupted.

#### LGB's Presidential Visits

As we celebrate Presidents Day in 2022, here's a look back at LGB's most recent presidential visit! Pictured below, Air Force One in 2009 with President Barack Obama and in 2021 with President Joe Biden.



